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SUBJ: POSSIBLE COMPLAINT BY CHADIAN ACTING PERM REP

1. BOUKAR AHMED MATHO, FIVE YEAR OLD SON OF CHADIAN ACTING PERM REP AHMED DEYEH MATHO, WAS VICTIM OF AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT IN NEW YORK SEVERAL YEARS AGO. ACCIDENT RENDERED HIM ALMOST TOTALLY PARALYZED AND HE INCURRED SEVERE BRAIN DAMAGE. DURING PAST YEAR AND ONE-HALF, BOUKAR HAS BEEN PATIENT AT ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, IN QUEENS, NEW YORK, ST. MARY'S NORMALLY DOES NOT HANDLE SUCH CASES, BUT DID SO ON COMPASSIONATE BASIS. ST. MARY'S NO LONGER IS ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE BOUKAR, DUE TO PRESSURES FOR SPACE AND, INCIDENTALLY, AHMED'S ARREARS OF \$26,000 IN MEDICAL BILLS.

2. RICHMOND HOSPITAL, IN YONKERS, IS PREPARED TO-ACCEPT BOUKAR. HOSPITAL REPORTEDLY IS EXCELLENT AND ONLY APPARENT INCONVENIENCES FOR TRANSFER WOULD BE BOUKAR'S LACK OF FAMILIARITY WITH NEW SURROUNDINGS AND, FOR VISITING PURPOSES, GREATER DISTANCE TO YONKERS FROM AHMED'S HOME TO QUEENS. AHMED IS UNHAPPY ABOUT ST. MARY'S DISINCLINATION TO CONTINUE TO HOSPITALIZE BOUKAR AND HAS THREATENED HOSPITAL AND NEW YORK CITY COMMISSION WITH DEMARCHE "AT PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL."

3. COMMENT: BOUKAR'S CASE OBVIOUSLY IS A TRAGIC ONE. NEGOTIATION FOR INSURANCE SETTLEMENT WITH AMERICAN CITIZEN ALLEGEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENT CONTINUES. ST. MARY'S POSITION NEVERTHELESS IS A REASONABLE ONE AND, SINCE IT IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A PRIVATE HOSPITAL, THERE IS LITTLE FURTHER PRESSURE WE

CAN APPLY. WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO PREVAIL UPON AHMED TO
ACCEPT POSSIBILITY OF RICHMOND HOSPITAL OR ALTERNATIVE
FACILITY.
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